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For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES IN A SPECIMEN COMPRISING THE USE OF CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH SILICONE OR PLASTICS

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action dated July 9, 2004, the following supplemental remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.